

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING  
THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GRANT AGREEMENT BY THE  
CITY OF GAITHERSBURG FOR THE FREDERICK AVENUE CORRIDOR  
& VICINITY DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY STUDY

WHEREAS, positioning Gaithersburg favorably for local investment via business expansion and/or real estate development is one of the City's priority Strategic Directions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that it is in the public interest to continue the review of the Frederick Avenue Corridor to help guide the City on how it can better support and foster business expansion and/or real estate development along and near the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council determined on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 that an appropriate method for review of the Frederick Avenue Corridor was to conduct a development capacity study; and

WHEREAS, on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Mayor and City Council authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement with Sage Policy Group to provide consulting and facilitation services to develop the *Frederick Avenue Corridor & Vicinity Development Capacity Study* (the "Project") for the City of Gaithersburg in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$118,000); and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund ("MEDAAF"), which was created under the management and supervision of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED), offers financial assistance for up to 50% of the costs incurred for preparation of a county or municipal corporation's strategy or plan for economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of DBED has determined that the Project is consistent with the provisions of the Act establishing MEDAAF and has approved an award of grant funds from MEDAAF to the City of Gaithersburg in an amount of the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the cost of the Project for the City to distribute and expend according to the requirements and provisions of the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement requires the Grantee's governing body to adopt a resolution evidencing its approval of the Project, the terms of the Grant Agreement, and authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver the Grant Agreement on behalf of the City:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council that the City of Gaithersburg approves of the Project and the terms of this Grant Agreement, and the City Manager is immediately authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of the City.

ADOPTED by the City Council on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2013.

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SIDNEY A. KATZ, Mayor and  
President of the Council

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing  
Resolution was adopted by the City Council  
in public meeting assembled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
of April, 2013.

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Tony Tomasello, City Manager